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HONORABLE DWIGHT E. JEFFERSON

Attorney • Mediator • Arbitrator

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Professional Associations

COATS | ROSE P.C.: Of Counsel, March 2012 - Present

Of Counsel - Civil litigation, mediation and arbitration. Litigation practice includes representation of clients in negligence, products liability, employment, commercial, medical malpractice and environmental cases. Mediation practice includes mediation of all types of tort cases, commercial cases, and labor and employment cases. Arbitrations have included commercial cases and business disputes, mass torts and complex litigation cases.

DWIGHT E. JEFFERSON, Attorney at Law, P.L.L.C.: February 2004 - 2012

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MALONEY, JEFFERSON & DUGAS: September 15, 2001 - February, 2004

Partner - Civil litigation, mediation and arbitration. Practice included prosecution of negligence, products liability, employment, commercial and medical malpractice cases; as well as mediation of similar cases.

VERNER, LIIPFERT, BERNHARD, McPHERSON & HAND: 1999 - 2001

Partner - Civil Litigation and meditation. Represented clients in negligence, products liability, labor and employment, and commercial cases.

215th CIVIL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS: 1995 - 1999

Presiding Judge - Appointed by Governor George W. Bush in March, 1995. The first African-American elected as a civil district judge in Harris County, Texas, in November 1996. Presided over all types of civil cases.

COATS, ROSE, YALE, HOLM, RYMAN & LEE: 1988 - 1995

Partner/Director - Insurance defense litigation. Represented insurance companies and the City of Houston in personal injury, workers' compensation, products liability, medical malpractice and asbestos litigation.

LAW OFFICES OF JOHN C. KILPATRICK: 1984 - 1987

Associate Attorney - In-house counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Managed trial docket of personal injury, workers' compensation, and premises liability cases.

EXHIBIT B

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY: June 1983 — November 1983

Intern Prosecutor: Served as Number 3 Prosecutor in misdemeanor courts. Second chair for misdemeanor D.W.I. and assault cases.

Education

University of Texas Law School, J.D., 1983

University of Texas, B.A., Government, 1978

International Commercial Arbitration, Certificate in International Arbitration Skills, A. A.

White Dispute Resolution Center, University of Houston Law Center, 2006

Professional Activities, Seminars and Papers

Judge Jefferson has lectured and authored several papers for continuing legal education programs including: Work Product and Privileges - Protecting Your File, State Bar of Texas Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, October 1993 and 1994; Common Evidence Problems, State Bar of Texas Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, 1995; Pretrial Conference and Orders, State Bar of Texas; The Ultimate Trial Notebook - Personal Injury Law Course, February, 1998; Courtroom Ethics and Antics - Integrity in Advocacy, State Bar of Texas Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, July 1998.

Professional Organizations

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates

Member, State Bar of Texas

Member, Houston Bar Association

Past Member, Texas Federal Judicial Selection Advisory Committee

(appointed by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison)

Past Member, Greater Houston Partnership's Governmental Affairs Committee

Member, Board of Directors, Downtown YMCA

Member, American Diabetes Association

Standing Member, Texas Pattern Jury Charge Committee

Member, METRO Board of Directors, Chairman of Finance/Audit Committee

Arbitration Experience

Judge Jefferson has been a panelist for the American Arbitration Association in Commercial, Employment Law, Construction Law, Mass Torts, Complex Litigation and Class Action Arbitrations since 2005. Judge Jefferson is also a neutral with the National Arbitration Forum where he has arbitrated cases involving credit card and financial disputes.

Mediation Experience

Judge Jefferson has successfully mediated the settlement of hundreds of cases since his retirement from the bench in 1999. He mediated settlement of the Harris County asbestos mass tort trial docket in 2001, which included thousands of asbestos plaintiffs; as well as the settlement of numerous individual cases including medical practice, employment discrimination, personal injury, environmental contamination and commercial disputes.

Litigation Experience

Judge Jefferson has over 25 years of litigation experience in civil and personal injury law for plaintiffs and defendants. Judge Jefferson's litigation practice includes the trial of negligence, products liability, medical malpractice, mass tort, commercial and class action cases.

Ad Litem/Special Master

Judge Jefferson has been called upon frequently to serve as an ad litem or special master in Harris County State Courts.

Judge Jefferson's experience as ad litem has included the first fen-phen pharmaceutical case to go to trial in Harris County.

Judge Jefferson has served as a special master in a shareholders' class action case and a major case involving an attorneys' fees dispute arising from a billion-dollar verdict.

Significant Cases

Judge Jefferson was retained by the manager of the recording artist Destiny's Child in 2002 to defend him and his companies in multi-million dollar litigation brought by two former group members and the estate of the deceased co-manager of the group.

Significant Decisions

While the Presiding Judge of the 2151st Civil Judicial District of Harris County, Texas, Judge Jefferson presided over the \$1.3 billion jury verdict, the nation's largest, in 1998.

Judge Jefferson presided over the first lawsuit to enforce the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act. This case and Judge Jefferson's rulings were matters of first impression by a Texas court.

Personal

Judge Jefferson has been married to his wife, Elaine, since 1984, and they have two sons. He was co-captain of The University of Texas Longhorn Football Team in 1979 where he played as a defensive end, and he was a free agent linebacker with the Oakland Raiders for a brief time in 1979.

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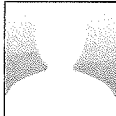
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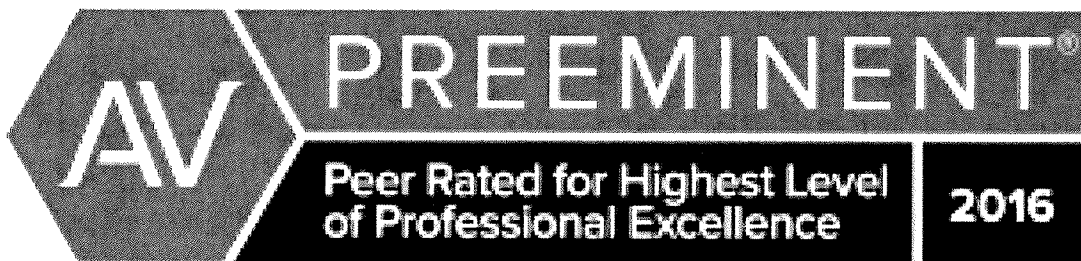
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Experience & Credentials

Practice Areas

Mediation; Arbitration; Litigation; ADR; Commercial; Personal Injury; Securities

University

University Of Texas, B.A., 1979

Law School

University Of Texas, LL.B., 1984

Admitted

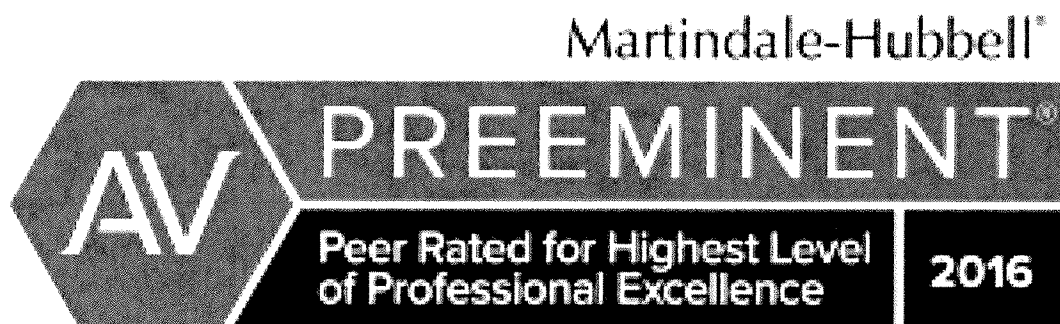
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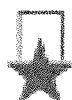
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